

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the September 4th, 2013 session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building, Upper Nappan. O Canada was sung.

2. **Roll Call** - The roll was called by Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the CAO. Councillors in attendance were: Deputy Warden Don Smith, Councillor Kellegrew, Warden Hunter, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher. The Deputy CAO and many staff were in attendance.

3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 15.6 – Community Economic Development Officer, 16.3 – Council dates until Christmas

Deletions: 9, 10, and 12

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Minutes from July 17th, 2013 Council Session**

The Minutes of the July 17, 2013 Council session were approved with the amendment of 15.3 in which the motion has an incorrect name (Deputy Warden Hunter). This was previously changed to reflect Deputy Warden Smith.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 **Action List, July 17, 2013** – There was no discussion on this item.

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

6.1 **Ecology Action Centre** – Jennifer Graham, and Emily LeGrand were on hand to provide this presentation. Their presentation was regarding Living Shorelines. Ms. Graham explained that a living shoreline is an approach to managing erosion and may be an alternative or compliment to other approaches of managing erosion. Council was advised of erosion concerns, causes, etc. There was then discussion on the various responses to erosion and the problems with this.

They discussed their communications with Northumberland Strait property owners regarding Coastal Erosion which took place in 2010 and advised of their findings.

The Living Toolkit was a result of these discussions in 2010. The Living Toolkit will be launched this evening. It provides information on managing erosion in a more natural way. Municipalities can get involved by providing information, ours or theirs, highlighting and explaining the setback by-law. Council could also consider supporting a public demo site, and to assist in coastal planning and to influence provincial coastal regulations.

Warden Hunter thanked the presenters for their informative presentation.

6.2 **Cumberland Health Authority** - Mr. Bruce Saunders and Mrs. Ann Keddy were on hand from the Cumberland Health Authority to provide this presentation.

Mr. Saunders began by providing information on the District Health Authorities. Mr. Saunders advised that from 1996 to 2001, there were 4 regional health boards and 4 non-designated organizations. Council was informed of Bill 34, Health Authorities Act, which came into affect January 1, 2001 and was advised that the Cumberland Health Authority is one of 9 in the province and the IWK and serves all of Cumberland County.

PURPOSE OF DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITIES (DHA's)

The purpose of DHA's is:

- To govern, plan, manage, monitor, evaluate and deliver health services in a health district in accordance with the Health Authorities Act.
- To bring decision-making for health care closer to the communities and citizens served.
- Governed by a 12 member volunteer Board of Directors comprised of representatives from across the county

Their specific responsibilities are:

- Ensure most beneficial allocation of resources
- Meet health needs of citizens
- Avoid duplication of services
- Maintain and improve the health of residents
- 0% deficit tolerance

The programs and services the CHA offers are:

- Program delivery at five sites - All Saints Springhill Hospital, Bayview Memorial Health Center, Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, South Cumberland Community Care Center
- Collaborative Emergency Centers
- Primary Health Care
- Acute and Secondary services
- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Addiction Services
- Continuing Care
- Long Term Care

The impact the CHA has on the County is:

- \$62 million annual budget for 2012-13
- Approximately 900+ employees
- \$46 million annual payroll
- 100+ physicians in active, associate and locum practices

Mr. Saunders advised that before 2001 there was dissatisfaction amongst medical staff; unresponsiveness to local concerns; reduced “local” decision-making on crucial issues decisions being made by organization with many competing priorities; poor level of public confidence in local health care provision.

Also Approximately 50% of Cumberland County’s patients were going elsewhere for surgery and almost 40% of births for Cumberland mothers were in Moncton.

At present local representation and leadership has led to: significant success in physician and NP recruitment; improved access to primary and secondary care; strong financial performance and accountability; nationally-recognized practices including the establishment of CECs. As well as Medical staff engaged and supportive of CHA; vastly improved access to health care decision-makers and local information; decisions made by Board of Directors and staff that live in local communities.

Now 90% of Cumberland County patients accessing surgical services locally with approximately 85% of deliveries in Amherst. There is also a stabilized outflow of patients and increased inflow with over 5700 New Brunswick residents accessing care in the CHA in 2012-13

There is now a close to full complement of providers – among the highest percentage of providers to population in the province, with collaborative Emergency Centers in three communities and Nurse practitioners working in five communities.

The CHA is concerned for the future due to both the Conservative and Liberal platforms including the elimination of DHAs in favor of either two or three regionalized health boards for the province and the suggestion is this will save tens of millions in administrative costs and that current administration costs are approximately 5% of budgets which is below the national average.

Concerted efforts have been undertaken by DHAs to prioritize scarce resources and focus on patient care through Merged Services Nova Scotia, Diagnostic Imaging/Laboratory initiative, Home First, etc. This shows ability of present DHAs to work together in the interest of maximizing value to the tax payer while maintaining an appropriate level of accountability and responsiveness.

There was concern on how the system could be responsive to local health issues and the concerns of providers based on a structure that would see one or two regional health boards for the entire P Province?

Mr. Saunders would like the Municipality to challenge the opposition parties to reveal their specific plans with respect to the proposed composition/location of Boards and their organizational structure

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Saunders for his presentation.

- 6.3 YMCA After School Program Update – The presenter for this presentation was Rachel who advised she is the After School Youth and Teen Program Coordinator. Council was advised the program started in February of 2013 and ran for 18 weeks. Target schools were Pugwash, Oxford, Springhill, Parrsboro, Advocate, River Hebert and E.B. Chandler.

They undertook school engagement by:
Initial meetings with school personnel

MPAI's/recreation directors
 School newsletters
 Social media

The program has partnerships with:
 Dept of Education
 Municipalities
 Department of Health and Wellness
 YMCA of Cumberland
 Recreation departments
 The Cafeteria society
 Public Health Authority

Some of the enablers of success is the program was free and a healthy snack was provided. Buy in from school administration, qualified leaders, availability of space, participant engagement, inclusion, targeted youth attendance, building positive relationships within the community by partnering with the YMCA, Municipalities and local organizations.

Challenges for the program are:
 Staffing
 Program space
 Timeline for program
 Engaging volunteers

The Program Evaluation was then reviewed. 65% of people surveyed were aware of the program, 68% felt this program was meeting the need in their community.

100% of students who took the program initially want to take the programming this year as well. Two new schools will be added to the program, CNA and West Highlands. Some of the activities are kick boxing, zumba, disc golf, rock climbing, swimming,

Warden Hunter thanked Rachel for this presentation as the information was timely, interesting and informative.

- 6.4 Service Recognition – Warden Hunter and Council recognized Peter Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Enforcement Administrator for his 10 years of dedicated service to the Municipality.

7. Public Hearings

- 7.1 Dangerous and Unsightly – AAN00713015, PID 25118308, 8 Cloverdale East Lane, Linden

Warden Hunter called the Public Hearing to Order at 2:04 p.m.

Mr. Cottingham advised that this is an unoccupied cottage, which has been vacant for many years. Mr. Cottingham provided photographic evidence as to the deteriorated condition of the cottage.

Warden Hunter asked if any members of the gallery would like to speak to this matter. There were none.

The public hearing closed at 2:07 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to Order demolition of the cottage and outbuildings as well as the removal of all debris from the property located at 8 Cloverdale Lane, East Linden, AAN 00713015, PID 25118308 to an approved facility by October 14, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED #13-167

- 7.2 Dangerous and Unsightly – AAN 00236054, PID 25055252 – 96 Grey St., Joggins

Warden Hunter called the Public Hearing to Order at 2:08 p.m.

Mr. Cottingham advised that this is an unoccupied dwelling, which has been vacant for many years. Mr. Cottingham provided photographic evidence as to the deteriorated condition of the house.

Warden Hunter asked if any members of the gallery would like to speak to this matter. There were none.

The public hearing closed at 2:10 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Baker to Order demolition of the residence well as the removal of all debris from the property of AAN

00236054, PID 25055252, 96 Grey Street Joggins, to an approved facility by October 14, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED #13-168

8. Correspondence

INFORMATION:

Double D 4 H Club – Correspondence providing information on the 4H Exchange and thanking Council for generously supporting this program.

Resident of District 10 – Thanking Council for funding and effecting repairs to the slipway in Spencer’s Island.

Destiny Hoeg – Thanking Council for a County Bursary.

Joan Gapalay – Age of Sail Marathon – Thanking Council for their financial contribution to this event.

ACTION

Atlantic Concrete Association – Requesting Council to immediately rescind our support for our previously approved “Wood First” resolution.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis to rescind the motion approving a “Wood First” resolution

MOTION CARRIED #13-169

Correspondence will be forwarded to both industries advising of decision of Council today.

9. Planning Issues:

This item was deleted.

10. Strategic Planning

This item was deleted.

11. Financial Reports/Issues

11.1 Remittal(s) – Council was advised of the following:

Account #: 07417160
District: 03
Assessed To: Sidney and Bertha Fisher

The Land Registration Office has informed staff that this account is a duplicate which resulted after they sold this property.

PVSC has removed this account from the roll; however, there are taxes and interest outstanding for 2012. The total taxes and interest that have accumulated since 2012 are \$119.60.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$119.60 for the taxes and interest that have accumulated since 2012.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a remittal to AAN 07417160 in the amount of \$119.60

MOTION CARRIED #13-170

11.2 Community Development Grants – Emily Burke, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following grant requests:

Terry Fox Foundation

This group is requesting funding to help support the 2013 Terry Fox Run in Amherst. The funds raised are put towards cancer research, in the hopes to one day find a cure. Support can be given through volunteering, financial contributions, refreshment contributions or donation towards the purchase of refreshments. They are seeking any support possible.

IT WAS AGREED that our Policy does not allow us to support this organization as it is a national organization.

Wallace and Area Museum Society

This group is seeking funding to help with the costs associated with purchasing a picnic table and bench for Newcomb Park. The amenities will provide a better appreciation for the historical significance of the site. They have received quotes for both from Sunset and the project has been estimated at \$293.25 (taxes in). They are requesting the total **\$293.25** in support.

**Councillor Welton recommends \$293.25 be debited from District 5 Community Development Funds*

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor McLellan to provide a Community Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$293.25, from District 5 funds, to the Wallace and Area Museum Society to assist with the costs of purchasing a picnic table and a bench for Newcomb Park.

MOTION CARRIED #13-171

Tidnish Crossroads & Area Community Association

This group is requesting funding to help with the costs associated with building a new kitchen addition at the community centre that is up to code. The kitchen would allow members more opportunities for fundraising events and the ability to hold more events in general. The project has been broken down into two phases, with phase one (completion of framing and closure of structure) estimated to cost \$21,540.00. Phase two consists of electrical work, cabinets, counters, flooring and installation of appliances. The second phase has been budgeted to cost \$25,806.00, leaving a total project cost at \$45,806.00. They are seeking **\$8,000.00** in assistance.

**Warden Hunter recommends that this request be moved to Grants to Organizations*

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher, to defer this item to next years budget deliberations for a Grant to Organizations.

MOTION CARRIED #13-172

Malagash Legion Cenotaph Committee

This group is requesting funding to purchase benches for the cenotaph park in Malagash. The site is located at a major intersection where three roads converge. The public is solidly behind the project, contributing both time and money. Many seniors walk in the area and will now be able to have arrest spot to sit and enjoy the surroundings. They are seeking funding for five park benches, at \$250.42 apiece, including taxes **(\$1,252.12)**. We have supported this group in the past, giving them \$3,500.00 in February for upgrades and repairs to the site.

**Councillor Welton recommends \$751.27 (enough for 3 benches) be debited from District 5 Community Development Funds. The benches from the Age Friendly Communities funds are being allocated to this site as well, for a total of 5.*

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Deputy Warden Smith to approve a community development grant in the amount of \$751.27, from District 5 funds, to assist the Malagash Legion Cenotaph Committee with the purchase of three benches.

MOTION CARRIED #13-173

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary – Councillor Gillis advised that the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary have purchased a building and now have determined it has asbestos siding. They would like to replace this siding and put new windows in the building.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide a \$5,000 Community Development Fund grant, from District 4 funds, to the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary for siding and windows replacement.

MOTION CARRIED #13-174

12. **Operational Services/Reports Issues**

This item was deleted.

13. **Committee/Other Reports**13.1 **Fire Services Coordinator Report** –

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to award the tender for two new Tankers to Metal Fab of Centreville, N.S. in the amount of \$228,000 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED #13-175

14. Old Business

- 14.1 Maccan Sewer Update – Mr. Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Enforcement Administrator advised of aspects of this project that are being undertaken.
- 14.2 Wind Turbine Project Update – Deputy Warden Smith thanked Council for approving the benches, and staff for installing them at the site on LaPlanche. The property is being cleared and will be roto tilled and seeded in the fall. MLA Skabar will try to get the scale sign moved to the other side of the road and will help with funding applications for the site. Council was advised of the article in the newspaper and the very favourable comments regarding the cooperation of the Town and County and their efforts to clean up this property.

15. New Business

- 15.1 Speed Limit on Tidnish River - Warden Hunter advised that the Federal Government had divested themselves of the Tidnish River to the Municipality, many years ago. At that time we established a speed limit of 15 knots and had signage made to denote the speed limit. Only two signs currently exist and are not clearly visible. Warden Hunter will work with the harbour master to have these installed.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to, in principle, support the purchase of new speed signage for the Tidnish River.

MOTION CARRIED #13-176

- 15.2 Municipally Owned Forest Property – Deputy Warden Smith was approached regarding Municipally owned forest land. The Athol Forestry would like the land managed under their program.

Warden Hunter advised that the property of the landfill is forest and is already under Athol forestry. There is the Airport property but it is owned by three municipal units.

Staff will research if we have any other properties. It was agreed if we have forestry to be managed, it must be put out to Tender and Athol Forestry will be advised of this.

- 15.3 Downstairs Boardroom Renovations - Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration advised that an amount was budgeted for new flooring in the high traffic area of the boardroom. The budget amount is too low. Quotes were received for this project with the low quote of \$4560 from Fundy Carpet.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Gillis to accept the low quote of \$4500 from Fundy Carpet, for new flooring in the downstairs boardroom.

MOTION CARRIED #13-177

- 15.4 UNSM's Climate Change Leaders Award Program - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to authorize the Executive Assistant, Shelley Hoeg to apply on behalf of the Municipality.**

MOTION CARRIED #13-178

- 15.5 Off Highway Vehicle Use Resolution – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis seconded by Councillor Welton to forward support for the Off Highway Vehicle Use Resolution as drafted by the Municipality of East Hants to UNSM.**

MOTION CARRIED #13-179

- 15.6 Community Economic Development Officer – Mr. Ferguson circulated a draft letter of offer for the contract for our Community Economic Development Officer position.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve the contract with Mr. Jim Campbell for our Community Economic Development Officer for the terms as laid out in the letter of offer.

MOTION CARRIED #13-180

16. Information Items

- 16.1 4 Part Agenda – Provided as information.
- 16.2 Audit Committee Meeting, September 11, 2013 – Provided as information.
- 16.3 Council Dates Until Christmas, 2013 – It was agreed that the October Council dates are ok and the dates for November and December will be November 13th and 27th, and December 11th, 2013.

17. Adjournment
On motion the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.
18. God Save the Queen

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore